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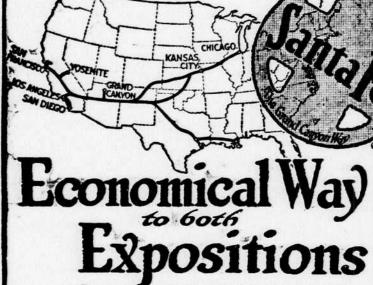
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## COL. HOUSE TELLS OF EUROPEAN TRIP

Denies Visit Abroad Was Looking Toward Bringing About Peace.

TALKS WITH STATESMEN IN LONDON, PARIS, BERLIN

Makes No Comment on Secretary Bryan's Resignation and Has Not Heard He Will Succeed Him.

NEW YORK, June 14.-Admitting that he had talked with leading government officials of Germany, France and England, but denying that his trip Europe was in any way connected with a possible mission looking toward peace or that he was the personal emissary of President Wilson, Col. Edward M. House arrived here yesterday from Livespool, a passenger on the American line steamship St. Paul.

"I did not talk peace, and that was ot my mission abroad," Col. House declared. "That report was the biggest piece of nonsense that I have heard." He also said that he was not called home by President Wilson.

Col. House said that since leaving New York January 30 he had talked with leading officials of the govern-nents mentioned, but added that his visit was a personal one, as a private citizen and that it had no political sigcitizen and that it had no political sig-nificance. He said that he goes to Europe almost every year and this trip had been no exception as to intent or purpose. Asked if he had communi-cated with President Wilson during his absence on any matter of importance that had come to his notice, he said that such would be the duty of any American citizen and that President Wilson was his personal friend.

Talks With British Officials.

Col. House said he left New Yor January 30 on the Lusitania, the trip on which Capt. Dow flew the American flag while passing the German war zone. He added, however, that he did not see the American flag. He visited England for two weeks, he said, and while there talked with Premier As-quith, David Lloyd George and Lord Etteberge

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From England he went to Paris, where he visited a week, and was received by President Poincare, Minister of Foreign Affairs Delcasse and others. In both of these countries, he said, he stopped at hotels.

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don.
"In Berlin, as everywhere else I visited, I was treated nicely," said Col. House. "My reason for talking with the men I did had nothing to do with peace. I know them all and always visit

Doesn't Know Length of War. "How long is this war going to last?"

s Sir Edward Grey, or Minister Delcasse or von Jagow," was his reply. "Does England want to see the United States in this war?" was another ques

tion put to him. "Opinion is divided—some think it would not be an advantage to the cause of the allies," was the answer.
"Has the United States lost its standing as an influence for peace?"
"I don't know that it has ever undertaken the task," he said.

Col. House said that he was in London when the Lusitania was sunk and when the first American note to German

when the first American note to Ger-many was made public. He declined to comment on these subjects. He said that in all countries he visited there was a strong spirit of confidence as to an outcome favorable to the side hat the particular people favored, but hat the people generally were tired of

war.

Asked about supplies of foodstuffs, asked about supplies of foodstuffs, asked that he had seen nothing or heard nothing that he should not see or hear. Declines to Comment on Mr. Bryan

The resignation of William Jennings Hill's crew await official inquiry. I Bryan as Secretary of State was called to his attention. He said he heard of it on the St. Paul, but he would make fused to surrender their places. The no comment. As to Mr. Bryan's sucessor he said he had no idea. He was cessor ne said ne nad no idea. He was
told that he had been mentioned as one
of the possible successors to the office,
to which he replied:
"It has not been offered to me. I
have never held public office, or de-

sired it."

Col. House said he had not communicated with President Wilson since his return. He expected to go to Washington, but did not know when. He added that he had not counded neutral nations on the subject of peace or war.

# TORPEDO BOATS CONVOY

Guard Her Through War Zone. Passenger Says London Fears Zeppelin Gas Bombs.

NEW YORK, June 14 .- With all and steerage accommodations taken, the majority of the cabin passengers home-coming American citizens, the American line steamship St. Paul arri.ed here yesterday com Liverpool. The liner left England June 5 and was convoyed through the war zone by two British torpedo boat destroyers, which vessels, according to the passengers steamed continually about the ship. keeping a close watch for submarines the presence of which in the channel, it is said, had been reported several hours before the St. Paul sailed. Some of the passengers said that submarine was actually sighted and was chased away by the destroyers This, however, was denied by the ship'

officers.
Six survivors of the Lusitania were on board, among them being Ogden H. Hammend, who lost his wife in the disaster. In the second cabin were fifteen members of the crew of the American tank steamer Gulflight, torpedoed by a submarine on May 1 and later beached at Penzance. There also were aboard three members of the crew of the steamship Maracas, taken into Kirkwall March 17.

The Gulflight sailors would not discuss the case, saying that they were under orders from their officers not to do so.

Fears Gas Bombs.

Among the passengers was H. D Watson, representative of a New York automobile company, returning from a business trip abroad. There is a nervous feeling app in London, due to apprehension

cerning Zeppelins, Mr. Watson said. He declared that the rooms of the principal hotels contains respirators for the use of guests, in fear that bombs containing gases will be dropped on the ase of gueste, will be dropped on the city. Respirators are for sale in many drug stores and other business houses, he sald, and a brisk trade in such articles is being conducted.

#### TWO OLD NAVAL ANCHORS **FOUND IN ANACOSTIA**

Relics of Men-of-War Sunk in 1814 Fished Out of the River.

Two old naval anchors and chains elics of United States warships sunk in the Anacostia river near the present site of the Anacostia bridge in 1814, to prevent their capture by British men-of-war during the invasion of this city by British orrespondence between the War and Navy departments. The relics recently ere fished from the bed of the river hy the Cape May Dredging Company, which has a contract with the War Department for dredging the river and depositing the material on the flats on the Anacostia side

One of the anchors was an old-fash One of the anchors was an old-lash-ioned affair weighing about 2,000 pounds, to which was attached thirty fathoms of one and one-quarter inch chain, marked "U. S. Navy." The other was a mushroom anchor weighing about 1,600 pounds, to which was attached fifteen fathoms of one and one-half inch chain. Their re-covery was reported to the officers of the Washington navy yard, who identified covery was reported to the officers of the Washington navy yard, who identified them as property of the United States Navy, of an obsolete pattern and of small value except as relics of the early days of the navy.

The War Department had no use for the material and offered to give it to the Navy Department. The contractors also are willing to turn the anchors over

the authorities of the navy yard, bu nsider that they should be reimburged consider that they should be reimbursed for the trouble and extra cost involved in their recovery. The anchors and chains are valued at less than \$200 all told and no bill of costs for their recovery has yet been submitted.

The War Department has been asked as to the propriety of reimbursing the contractors. If satisfactory arrangements are concluded the old war relies will be turned over to the Washington.

urned over to the Washington navy yard or such use as may be found for them for purposes of exhibition or otherwise.

# YACHT RAMS STEAMER:

Three Others Injured as Result of Accident in Long Island Sound.

NEW YORK, June 14 .- C. K. G. Bilngs' steam yacht Vanadis reached len Cove, Long Island, early today ith the body of John J. Brown of Boston, one of the two victims of : collision in Long Island sound last gight between the yacht and the big white passenger steamer Bunker Hill of the Metropolitan line. The body of the other victim, George H. Kendrick also of Boston, was brought back to New York by the Bunker Hill when she returned earlier in the night with a hole in her side thirty feet high and nearly twenty feet long

### All Were Passengers

Brown and Kendrick and three who vere injured in the accident were passengers on the Bunker Hill bound for The Vanadis rammed the passenger steamer in a thick fog of Eastons Neck at the eastern end of Eastons Neck at the eastern end of Huntington bay. The yacht backed out of the hole in the Bunker Hill's side with her bow smashed and fes-tooned with iron bedsteads and other furniture swept from the staterooms of the sound liner. Brown was picked up from the water by the crew of the yacht with both

by the crew of the yacht with both legs broken. He died an hour later. Kendrick was crushed to death as he sat at dinner in the dining saloon of the Bunker Hill. The lifeboats of the Bunker Hill were swung out on their davits and filled with passengers, but when the officers discovered that the steamer was intact below the water line they bade the passengers return to the decks.

Official Inquiry Ordered.

Stories told by some passengers re garding the behavior of the Bunker was said that some of the negro deck hands rushed for the boats and re

rused to surrender their places. The coroner at Glen Cove began an investigation this morning soon after the Vanadis arrived.

The passengers injured in the collision, none seriously, were May Wightman of Boston, Jarvis C. Bell of Chicago, a member of the American commission for relief in Belgium, and Mrs. Martha Waugh of Philadelphia.

Brown's death wound was received. Martha Waugh of Philadelphia.

Brown's death wound was received when he lay in bed, in the opinion of Capt. Farrington of the Vanadis. When the Vanadis backed away from the Bunker Hill she carried on her sharp bowsprit, amid other wreckage, two iron beds. In one of these beds, Capt. Farrington believes, Brown lay, falling, bruised, cut and unconscious, into the water as the colliding craft cleared each other. ach other.

#### Yacht a Sorry Wreck.

The Vanadis lay, a sorry-looking wreck, at anchorage at Glen Cove. to day, preparatory to drydocking. Her entire front was crushed in, her bow sprit was broken off short, and her forward timbers ripped, torn and splin tered to within three feet of the water

Two blows, apparently, were struck by the yacht, the second after the re coil of the first. This blow, it is be lieved, although much less violent than the first, was strong enough to rip the weakened howsprit off short. This, however, was not definitely established. When the Vanadis anchored early today Coroner Luyster went aboard and took the statements of her officers and wireless operator. Mr. and Mrs. Billings and Andrew McLeish of Chicago, Mrs. Billings' father, left for Chicago soon after noon.

Mgr. Mackin Convalescing. Mgr. James F. Mackin, pastor of St Paul's Catholic Church, is still in Indiana, slowly recovering from his re-



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STREET WINS TITLE

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ALL-HIGH SCHOOL TEAM. By Edwin B. Henderson, physial director, colored high schools

ircles for the year ended with a cham ionship in base ball for M street High school. This victory breaks a string of championships in base ball that has High School boys during the past three years. From the way the Stenograph ers started the season it seemed they were bound for a fourth successive championship, but the loss of the serv ices of Collins and Taylor and the gain of Diggs and Adams by M Street in mid-season changed the aspect

Many better players than some of th

above honored men played at some time

in the series, but in selecting players who mean most to the team, those wh do not maintain ratings sufficient to qualify and play in a majority of games can hardly be considered. Outside of the boxmen mentioned Horad o Commercial was injured in one of the he started and did not hit so well as he has in the past years, and Spriggs of Armstrong was effective enough at times to rank close to the players whose names occupy the chosen positions. West and Lee, as catchers were good at times, but Costin tops them by some to spare. Of the infield, the case of Better is the only one not so very far above the others as to leave no doubt. Diggs of M Street is a very valuable hitter, but lacks the finished form necessary to a first choice in the infield. Davis and Brown of Commercial are the best of the fielders, but Hall of M Street did not have much on Johnson of Commercial, whose shifting to fill gaps made by loss of players by the coach prevented his worth as a fielder showing to advantage. Because of his experience and knowledge of the game and players, Walker of Commercial would be the choice for captain. vere good at times, but Costin tops

tain.

Armstrong gains all-round honors in the athletic field this season with victories over her opponents in foot ball, track and military drill. With this series of titles goes the trophy awarded yearly to the all-round champion

institution, and donated by Capt. Walter H. Loving of the Philippine Constabulary Band.

Quite a few upsets marked the progress of the athletic year. Armstrong under the coaching of Cedric Francis of the faculty landed the gridiron honor after a series of unbroken defeats in preceding years. M Street's basket ball team won championship basket ball team won championship basket ball honors after many years trying. Armstrong repeated in the track events, but scored for the first time in military drill in a period of six years, while M Street upset base ball traditions as mentioned above. McDuffie in basket ball, Cromwell in base ball, Washington and Vaughn in drill and Francis in track were the winning coaches.

The season was marked by many

and Francis in track were the winning coaches.

The season was marked by many phases of improvement in the conduct of games and matters relating to athletics and yet a few faults still hamper the best expression of these games. There still remains the old bugbear, a lack of playing grounds and courts. Gate receipts as a means of offsetting the large expenses incidental to a big season, have reached the lowest point in many years, although the activities in the purely athletic field have reached a highwater mark in umber and conduct.

The faculty coaches are a credit to the institutions they represent, consisting of men whose views of the importance and value of athletics are not obscured by the one hope of victory. Scholarship ratings and other scholastic qualifications have a very definite value, and serve as a spur to better school work as well to to elevate the plane of scholastic competition. The school representatives on the games committee, Messrs. Compton, Morton and Cowan, have borne the work of conduct of games with credit to themselves and the schools they represent, and the referees and umpires have done their work well.

### MR. McADOO SUGGESTS ANNUAL MEETINGS HERE

Also Proposes Buenos Aires for Pan-American Conference on Uniform Legislation.

vas on its way today to each of the foreign delegates to the recent pan-American financial conference , here makes important recommendation looking to a continuance of the work begun by the conference.

Among Mr. McAdoo's suggestions ar that the annual sessions of the confer ence be held in Washington, and tha a meeting of the international high commission on uniform legislation, as proposed at the recent conference, b held in Buenos Aires November 1 next. The Secretary also makes detailed inquiries concerning the need for direct steamship lines between ports of the

American countries. try, which took them as far west as St. Louis, the delegates to the recenpan-American financial conference ar rived in New York yesterday from Bos ton and disbanded. One of the last act rived in New York yesterday from Bos ton and disbanded. One of the last act of the delegates was to bid farewel to Andrew J. Peters, assistant secre tary of the Treasury, who was in charge of the trip for the government

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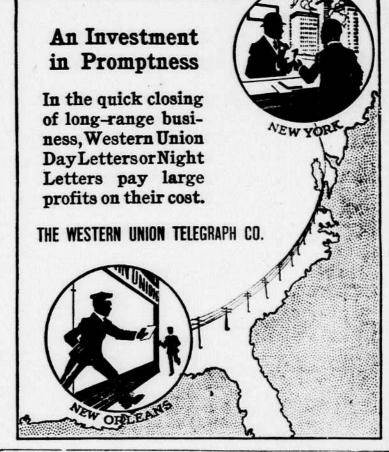
#### TWO DEAD IN OHIO STORM.

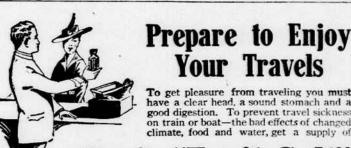
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property, and hampering telegraph as While attempting to remo Other.

COLUMBUS, Dhio, June 14.—A storm of wind, rain and hall swept across Ohio yesterday, causing the death of two persons and heavy damage to continuous to the storm in Lockland near Cincinnati, August Dohme, are fifty-five, was electrocuted.

William Sparrowgrove, aged sixty was killed by lightning near Zanger wille.





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